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FOR JENKINS (H) AND NAAS (NEA)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: ANTHONY LEWIS ARTICLE

1. I HAVE READ WITH DISGUST THE TONY LEWIS COLUMN ON
TAP BENNET AND MYSELF. THESE CANRDS, PARTICULARLY
THOSE WHICH ALLEGE THAT I KEPT THE WAR IN LAOS A SECRET
FROM THE CONGRESS, WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN MY CONFIRMATION
HEARINGS.

2. IN THE PAST, I HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY MAKING A PUBLIC
DEFENSE BECAUSE SYMINGTON, FOR OBVIOUS
REASONS, REFUSED TO DECLASSIFY THE TESTIMONY I GAVE THE
SENATE ABOUT THE WAR IN LAOS. THE BEST HE WOULD AGREE
TO DO WAS TO LET ME COME TO PAT HOLT'S OFFICE TO READ
IT BUT NOT MAKE ANY NOTES**

3. NOW THAT THIS GREAT PATRIOT HAS LEFT THE
SENATE, I BELIEVE IT OUGHT TO BE POSSIBLE TO GET
SPARKMAN TO AGREE TO PERMIT ME TO USE SOME OF MY PREVIOUS
TESTIMONY TO READ INTO THE RECORD AT MY CONFIRMATION
HEARINGS TO GIVE THE LIE TO LEWIS AND TO SOME OF THE
CAMBRIDGE CREW WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO TESTIFY IN
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OPPOSITION TO MY NOMINATION.

4. ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE START NOW RP NOW TO GET THE
SENATE TO DECLASSIFY AND RELEASE FOR MY USE THE TRANSCRIPT
OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE HELD IN OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 1968 AT THE
REQUEST OF SYMINGTON DURING WHICH I GAVE DETAILED ACCOUNTS

OF THE WAR IN LAOS AND ALSO DURING WHICH SYMINGTON
EXPRESSED HIS WARM APPROVAL OF OUR ACTIONS.

5. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS. CLAY
PELL, AS MY HOME STATE SENATOR, MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL.
SULLIVAN

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